

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (presently amended) A method of determining the ~~mdm2-dependent~~ growth activity of a cell, wherein the cell comprises an introduced nucleic acid encoding and expressing ~~an~~ amino acids 1 to amino acid 134 of SEQ ID NO.: 1 of the mdm2 protein, the method comprising introducing one or more vectors for expressing a p53 polypeptide or fragment thereof into the cell, and measuring the growth of the cell, ~~whereby a p53 polypeptide or fragment and exhibiting a reduced cell growth level compared to a control is capable of inhibiting a transforming property of mdm2.~~
2. (canceled)
3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the cell is a human cell.
4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the cell is a tumor cell.
5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the cell is a saos-2 cell.
6. (presently amended) A method of detecting ~~protein-protein~~ interaction with a mdm2 protein, comprising expressing a mdm2 protein in a mammalian cell from an introduced nucleic acid encoding ~~an~~ amino acids 1 to amino acid 134 of SEQ ID NO.: 1 of the mdm2 protein, expressing in the cell a cell cycle regulatory protein from an introduced nucleic acid encoding it, and comparing the cell growth or proliferation with and without the expressed mdm2 protein, whereby a change in cell growth or proliferation is indicative of binding to mdm2.

7. (canceled)
8. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the cell is a human cell.
9. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the cell is a tumor cell.
10. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the cell is a saos-2 cell.